Summer Externship in Dementia Care

OVERVIEW
A summer externship opportunity is available to one or two first year students enrolled at UW School of Medicine and Public Health. The student(s) will work with physicians virtually* in dementia diagnostic clinics, primary care and neurology. Their focus will be on the geriatric population, specifically those with dementia, but will also include exposure to a wide range of older patients with chronic conditions. Students will also spend time with other health care providers and learning more about community resources.

The goal of this innovative program is to increase the knowledge and skills of future health care providers to provide long-term, interdisciplinary care to patients with Alzheimer’s disease (AD) and related dementias and to their families. At the completion of this program, students will be able to: describe the diagnosis, treatment, and management of dementia and mild cognitive impairment; recognize the roles of a multidisciplinary team in dementia care; identify common concerns of the person living with dementia and their families/caregiver(s); discuss current memory research studies; and identify community resources to support persons living with dementia and their families to live in their homes for as long as possible.

DETAILS
Date/Time: Part time (M-F), Summer 2022. Students will do 4-6 consecutive weeks during the timeframe of Monday, June 6 through Friday, July 29, 2022.

Slots available: 2

*Locations: This program will be virtual for 2022; with the possibility of in-person shadowing.

A formal daily schedule will be provided to each student.

Stipend: $400/week

Who can apply: Students at UW School of Medicine and Public Health who will have completed their first year of medical school by the time the externship begins.

Apply online at: https://redcap.link/waiexternship

Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022 or until both openings have been filled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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The externship is a program of Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.